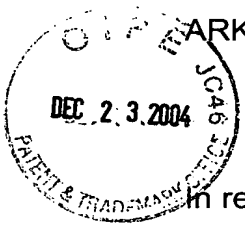


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STATUS REQUEST

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests the status of the above-identified patent application. On October 6, 2004 a decision by the Commissioner for Patents resulted in the holding of abandonment being withdrawn and on October 12, 2004 Applicant received formal notification of the abandonment withdrawal.

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It is Applicants understanding that the application has been forwarded to the Examiner for preparation of an Examiner's Answer to the Brief. To date, the Examiner's Answer has not been received.

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